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Wisconsin Hosts Institute.21

National 21st Century Skills Best Practices Forum in Madison June 11 and 12

MADISON, Wis. – Wisconsin will host Institute.21, the annual Partnership for 21st Century Skills Best Practices Forum, on June 11 and 12 in Madison. The Partnership is the leading advocacy organization focused on infusing 21st century skills into education.

Institute.21 brings together representatives from eight of the Partnership for 21st Century Skills Leadership States: Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, New Jersey, North Carolina, South Dakota, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. The event will draw more than 200 education and business leaders from around the country to share work they have done to implement the 21st Century Skills Framework.

During Wednesday's session, a panel discussion will focus on how states put into practice a 21st century skills curriculum. Wisconsin State Superintendent of Public Instruction Elizabeth Burmaster, New Jersey Commissioner of Education Lucille Davy, Iowa Director of Education Judy Jeffrey, and Ken Kay, president of the Partnership for 21st Century Skills, will serve on the panel.

In addition, a Wisconsin Showcase will feature seven state projects that address 21st century skills. Burmaster's opening remarks for the showcase will outline the prevalence of 21st century skills in Wisconsin's educational practices. Participants from five Wisconsin schools — Hayes Bilingual and Waunakee elementary schools and Darlington, Plum City, and Sun Prairie high schools — will demonstrate how they have benefited from and integrated 21st century skills into their education. The Sun Prairie High School Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Steve Sveum, will provide welcoming and concluding music.

The Partnership for 21st Century Skills also will recognize the states receiving 21st Century Skills Practice of the Year Awards at a ceremony Wednesday evening. Students from the Middleton High School Jazz Combo will perform during the event.

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HIGHLIGHTS: Partnership for 21st Century Skills Best Practices Forum — [Full Agenda Attached](#)

WHEN: 2:15 p.m., Wednesday / Edgewater Hotel — Multi-state Education Chiefs Panel

- *Elizabeth Burmaster, Wisconsin State Superintendent of Public Instruction*
- *Lucille Davy, New Jersey Commissioner of Education*
- *Judy Jeffrey, Iowa Director of Education*
- *Ken Kay, President, Partnership for 21st Century Skills*

3:15 p.m., Wednesday / Edgewater Hotel — Wisconsin Showcase

8 p.m., Wednesday / Quivey's Grove, 6261 Nesbitt Road, Madison
21st Century Skills Practice of the Year Awards Ceremony